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For: METHOD FOR THE REDUCTION AND CONTROL OF THE RELEASE OF GAS AND ODORS FROM SEWAGE AND WASTE WATER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANYING CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.C. §1.53(d)**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Continued Prosecution Application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, 7 and 8 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed material and inserting the underlined material as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for reducing the formation and release of [an acid gas] hydrogen sulfide in municipal sewerage or waste water, comprising the step of:

adding an effective amount of an agent that includes a compound selected from the group consisting of magnesium hydroxide and magnesium oxide to said municipal sewerage or waste water, wherein said municipal sewerage or waste water includes at least one compound which can be reduced to form [acid gas] hydrogen sulfide.--

--7. (Amended) A method of controlling hydrogen sulfide odor associated with municipal sewerage or waste water, comprising the step of:

adding an effective amount of an agent that includes a compound selected from the group consisting of magnesium hydroxide and magnesium oxide to said municipal sewerage or waste